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The C A R C meets the third Wednesday of the month at 8:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING IS JANUARY 19th at the Emergency Preparedness Center.

1982 Novice Radio Class GRADUATES

Dick Stellarini WB8VUN, Instructor and Coordinator for our Novice Class announced that seven of the attendees have successfully passed the code and have sent in their 610 forms to Gettysburg. Dick's Assistants were Nelson Caley W8EAR and Jim Cordray WD8OIZ. On occasions, due to Dick's busy schedule that took him out of town, Nelson and Jim faithfully did the job in his absence. The class met at the McKinley High School, and have successfully completed the first step, toward joining the wonderful hobby of Amateur Radio. Some of the starting classmates, gave up when they discovered they had to master the code. A couple of them were a little young to apprehend, and did not make it at this time. We hope they are not discouraged, and will join the next class, or continue to study on their own.

The graduates are Raymond Ward, Judith Cordray wife of WD8OIZ, Julius Erdos, Carl Keller, Steve Keller, Matt Kohler and Philip Rowe all from Canton and North Canton. We extend our heartest of congratulations to each of them and welcome them into the ranks of our fine hobby.

DECEMBER CARC MEETING MINUTES

The December meeting was called to order at 8:08 PM. The weather apparently affected the attendance, causing only 30 to attend. Ten percent of those were from the Novice Class. Congrats fellas, nice to have you aboard.

Herb asked for the dispensing of the reading of last months minutes. Ed KA8KNC and Jess W8LDQ so moved. Motion passed.

As a result of the reading of the financial report, discussion arose as to the method of mailing the Feedline at a reduced cost. This prompted a reply by Charlie K8BYC, that all paperwork relative to our request to be placed in the tax exempt status of 501 (c)(3), has been sent to IRS. Assuming approval, we then submit this to the Postal Dept for reduced rates, but Bill K8JZN emphasizes we must reach a minimum of 200 per mailing to realize and use the benefit.

Herb stated that he has been screening other club activity reports for ideas on improving our club, and thus the attendance. It appears our membership list is smaller now than in the past two years. Present membership is just over 100. About 65%, of those present, indicated that they were ARRL members.

There appears to have been no one volunteering for the instructors position at KSU-Stark for the General Class. Any late comers should contact Dick WB8VUN.

A discussion ensued, when Pres Bushong suggested that we look into the redistribution of loanable equipment. This was discussed earlier in the year. Those not capable of providing equipment for their own station, should contact VP Rod Bricker for assistance. The Azden, on loan, has been returned to W8AL. However a big question arose, "Who has the big battery?" Information is requested by Rod. W8ADA Gary, suggested that an inventory be taken of the club's property. Rick KC8UQ seconded, motion passed. More control is apparently needed since those who should know where the equipment has gone, have not been notified by the "Movers". Sorta frustrating to the officers fellows! With the combination being given to the members for the new lock at W8AL, there has got to be a great deal of TRUST. Further be advised, it puts Scotty KK8D the trustee for W8AL, in a pretty "precarious" position if there is misuse of any club equipment on the air.

Status of W8AL in the newest CALLBOOK? Seems we are not in it! Secre-

tary is to ask the publisher why? We are current 'til 1986.

Associated to this discussion, question arose as to why Bill continues to purchase the CALLBOOK with his own money. He had the authorization many months ago to use club funds. However control of these books has apparently been questioned. Therefore, it was determined that Bill should be contacted to determine the annual cost of the books plus the supplements so that the club may purchase, or provide money for these publications. The club members also agreed that Bill should be the sole keeper of these references. Disposition upon expiration would be determined by the club. Suggestion was made to have them placed at W8AL.

Herb suggests that you ten MHZ operators beware of the banned frequencies in that part of the spectrum. ARRL bulletin says strict adherence or penalties. See "CAUTION CAUTION" in last months Feedline.

QRM within the meeting says KA8CJZ and N8EIL and others, are going after an upgrade at the end of December. Our wishes for success go with you folks.

What is the new 2mtr National Alerting frequency? Herb says 145.695mhz is it. Can we use it to our advantage locally? It is simplex nationwide and has the approval of ARRL coordinators. Think about it!!!!

Stark Radio Club, what progress? Not much apparently, according to our President. Another meeting is scheduled for January 8, 1983, 9 AM at the Firehouse, MARC Hq., you are invited! Gary stated that an 80'x100' building could be constructed for \$43,000, volunteer labor provided. Rick KC8UQ suggested \$208,000, with paid labor. Appears more planning is needed. Herb says he is proposing a cut-off date if more effort is not made. In the meantime, he asked whether we might not set up a temporary "shack" for the meetings.

Herb again asked for help, in providing more interesting meetings during 1983. Last month a request was made for assistance in this respect. Rod our VP, is the coordinator. Herb says he's "Staying the course".

HELP HELP!!!!

The Brunnerdale School will be reimbursed for our rental in the next few days. The rent is \$120 for the section allocated for W8AL and another \$40 for the classroom we were meeting in. Rental payment of the \$40 was challenged, but it was felt that we had better not "rock the boat" at this time since there is no alternate area for storage of gear including FD equipment, or for the operation of the station.

ARRL has suggested that the various ARRL clubs consider the "Special Service Club" as elicited in the December '82 QST. It is an attempt to get more clubs involved in more amateur activities, such as is being attempted by Herb. Read it, suggestions are needed!!!

Other Discussions arising - devious but pertinent.

1. What happened to the \$50 we donated to the Akron Club? we helped pay air freight for equipment sent to Africa for one of the Missionary hams.

2. How about a lottery to offset dues? No decision.

3. Advise CQ, QST and 73 of the forthcoming Auction. Secretary has that job!

Rick KC8UQ and Scott KK8D suggested "DoNut" Time. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Following meeting, several members asked for the club membership certificate for hanging in their shack. It's a pretty thing, and available to those new members. See Art.

Art Schermerhorn W8FEC, Sec-Treas

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

I don't know who started the idea, nor do I remember how many different places the hams have been meeting at for the Saturday morning popular breakfast get-together, but it is still a very popular and friendly social gathering. Around 8:30 every Saturday morning, the Amateurs and their spouses, begin to gather at Charlie's Family Restaurant, located at 4604 Tuscarawas St W., the present site. The owner is a good friend of Roy and Arlene W8CZA. Both Charlie and his wife have been in the restaurant business for many years. The prices are very reasonable and the atmosphere very pleasant. Most of the time the service is good but with close to 40 at times to serve, the waitress slips up once in a while and somebody goes hungry while the gang shoots the bull.

Even the gals enjoy it, just getting away from the house I guess. They show off their latest crafts, and bring some along to share with the other gals. For christmas, Arlene Burckhart presented all the gals one of her hand crafted tree ornaments, and Mickie Parks gave each a book mark with green and red yarn spelling the word LOVE. Some of the other gals that show their crafts, are Jean Matinides, Doris Smith WD8IKC, Shirley Rex K8MZT, and Shirley Mark KA8LEH.

Of course the fellows always bring in that new hand-held, keyer and etc to proudly show the rest of the gang. At the last breakfast before the Christmas holiday, Dick KC8OU proudly demonstrated his new Heath-kit keyer. Earl W8AIU thought it was a nice present for him, but that rascal Dick made sure he didn't leave with out it. I think he wondered if he was going to get it back for a time there, Hi Hi !

The invitation is always open to any that would like the fellowship, so if you get up some Saturday, come on out and enjoy the get-together.

Haven't been to one of the Friday noon luncheons for some time, but you are invited to stop in and join the gang at the YMCA cafeteria on Fridays, for the luncheon get-together.

ANTENNA RAISING ACCIDENT from the Sterling-Rock Falls Newsletter

This Ham is sitting at his desk, answering a letter from his insurance company.

I am writing in response to your request for additional information for block number three of the accident reporting form. I put "poor planning" as the cause of my accident. You said in your letter that I should explain more fully, and I trust that the following detail will be sufficient.

I am an Amateur operator and on the day of the accident, I was working alone on the top section of my new 80 foot tower. When I had completed my work, I discovered that I had, over the course of several trips up the tower, brought up about 300 pounds of tools and spare hardware. Rather than carry the now un-needed tools and material down by hand, I decided to lower the items down in a small barrel by using a pulley, which fortunately was attached to the gin pole at the top of the tower.

Securing the rope at ground level, I went to the top of the tower and loaded the tools and material into the barrel. Then I went back to the ground and untied the rope, holding it tightly to insure a slow descent of the 300 lbs. of tools. You will note in block number eleven of the accident reporting form, that I weigh only 155 lbs.

Due to my surprise of being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded at a rather rapid rate of speed up the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 40 foot level, I met the barrel coming down. This explains my fractured skull and broken collarbone. Slowed only slightly, I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were two knuckles deep into the pulley.

Fortunately, by this time, I had regained my presence of mind and was able to hold onto the rope, in-spite-of my pain. At approximately the same time, however, the barrel of tools hit the ground and the bottom fell out of the barrel. Devoid of the weight of the tools, the barrel now weighed approximately 20 pounds. I refer you again to my weight in block number eleven. As you might imagine, I began a rapid descent down the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 40 foot level, I met the barrel coming up. This accounts for the two fractured ankles, and the lacerations of my legs and lower body.

The encounter with the barrel, slowed me enough to lesson my injuries, when I fell onto the pile of tools and fortunately only three vertabrae were cracked. I am sorry to report however, that as I lay there on the tools, in pain, unable to stand and watching the empty barrel 80 feet above me...I again lost my presence of mind. I let go of the rope.

(Via WB7VHC, John. Original author unknown. de Sue Peters KA9GNR